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LETTER DATED 27 OCTOBER 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I wish to inform you of Iran's continued violations of the provisions of the cease-fire between Iraq and Iran set forth in Security Council resolution 598 (1987), as follows:

1. At 1625 hours on 11 October 1991, four Land Cruiser vehicles, including a transport vehicle and an ambulance, carrying 30 persons in military uniform were observed coming from the rear to the post at geographical coordinates 898222 at Kushk al-Basri. They dug a hole 2 metres wide and 200 metres deep in the minefield and disinterred eight corpses which they had left there during the war. At 1740 hours, they returned to the rear.

At 0945 hours on 13 October 1991, they resumed operation in the same location. They were carrying a video camera and photographed the corpses of their dead. Eighteen corpses were disinterred. At 1320 hours, they returned to the rear inside the area of separation in the southern sector (map of Tahiri).

2. At 0945 hours on 13 October 1991, the Iranian side built a new observation post at geographical coordinates 000642 opposite the Hasan al-Askari guard post inside the area of separation in the central sector (map of Zurbatiyah) and manned it with four to five persons.

3. At 0850 hours on 13 October 1991, 10 persons from the Iranian side were observed digging a slit trench at geographical coordinates 583405 east of the Harran river inside the area of separation in the central sector (map of Mandali).

4. At 1700 hours on 17 October 1991, eight persons from the Iranian side were observed building a new observation post on the Shatt al-Arab at geographical coordinates 180570 inside the area of separation in the southern sector (map of Al-Saybah).

5. At 1300 hours on 18 October 1991, an Iranian helicopter was observed at medium altitude coming from the Iranian rear in the direction of Hawd Mehran. It circled over the town and returned to the Iranian rear in the central sector (map of Zurbatiyah).

6. At 2145 hours on 19 October 1991, the Iranian side fired a mortar shell at geographical coordinates 4877 inside Iraqi territory in the southern sector (map of Al-Binah).

7. At 1200 hours on 21 October 1991, the Iranian side built a personnel shelter on the Iranian embankment at geographical coordinates 900300 inside the area of separation in the southern sector (map of Tahiri). The structure was completed at 1230 hours.

8. At 1420 hours on 24 October 1991, four armed men from the Iranian side videotaped our units from the post at geographical coordinates 578320 inside the area of separation in the southern sector (map of Harithah).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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